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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 7, 1994

TO:

Brad Stimple

FROM:

Michelle Allen

SUBJECT:

LPC # 0316290009 -- Cook County

Chicago / MCC Construction

2100 South Kostner

The MCC site is located in City of Chicago at 21 Street and Kostner. The City receives their drinking water from Lake Michigan which is located approximately 6 miles east of the site. No wells were evident on the site. There are industrial wells present in the area but none are used for drinking purposes.

According to the 1905 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, past site usage includes a Sparta Soccer Ball Club in the early 1900's. The site is located south of the train tracks which are still in operation.

The Agency inspected the site on May 21, 1993 due to a flyer which listed a number of sites which are allegedly "illegal dump sites". The Attorney General's Office requested the Agency investigate. The owner/operator was unknown at the time. The site was inactive and locked. An approximate 30 foot high mound of broken concrete, stone, dirt and broken asphalt was observed. Approximately 10 truck loads of wood, metal debris and roofing waste was observed also. A thorough solid waste inspection will be scheduled.

According to past inspection reports, the site contains several areas of open dumping. A dirt road leads up a hill that appears to be a mound of waste piled approximately thirty feet in height. On the ground level, southeast corner, an area of approximately 15 open drums in poor condition have been dumped. A strong odor of solvent was detected. There were no labels to identify the material in the drums or where they might have come from. There are several piles of tires and railroad ties in the same location. Three additional drums are located in the northeast corner of the lot.

The Agency has discovered that John Christopher is the owner. John Christopher (president of Krisjohn Construction) took over when the MCC Company dissolved although Krisjohn was really the same operation under the name of MCC.

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Krisjohn Construction has been linked to a number of open dump sites in Chicago. The Agency has made all possible attempts to contact John Christopher. John Christopher is also known as: Krisjohn Construction, Marlboro Construction and Ashley Trucking. His whereabouts are currently unknown.

The City of Chicago brought a lawsuit against John Christopher and won a judgement on May 6, 1993 (Case number 90CH6351). The judgement also included a clean-up order for the above open dump sites. The defendants were required to remove the waste within six months from the date of the order. No waste was removed and consequently, a penalty of \$1,000 per day is now accruing.



